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KING DAVID HOTEL FOLLOWING MEETING AT PRIME MINISTER'S
OFFICE, AUGUST 30, 1975

Q. MR. SECRETARY, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO TELL US?
(LAUGHTER)

SECRETARY KISSINGER: THAT IS AN ABSOLUTELY NOVEL
APPROACH. USUALLY YOU TELL ME.

Q: WELL, HOW ABOUT TRYING IT THE OTHER WAY?
SECRETARY KISSNGER: WELL, AS AN EXCEPTION LET ME
TELL YOU. WE ARE WORKING NOW ON MOSTLY THE ANNEXES
TO THE AGREEMENT WHICH CONTAIN HIGHLY TECHNICAL
SUBJECT MATTER. THEREFORE, THEY ARE EXTREMELY
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TIME CONSUMING. I AM MEETING AGAIN WITH THE ISRAELI

NEGOTIATING TEAM TOMORROW MORNING. AFTER THAT I WILL GO TO ALEXANDRIA, RETURNING IN THE EVENING. WE HOPE THAT WE CAN CONCLUDE THIS PHASE VERY SHORTLY.

Q: IS THERE ANY CHANCE OF AN INITIALING TOMORROW?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: NO. THERE CAN NOT BE AN INITIALING UNTIL THERE HAS BEEN AN ISRAELI CABINET MEETING. FOREIGN MINISTER ALON HAS JUST ANNOUNCED THAT THE ISRAELI CABINET WILL NOT MEET UNTIL MONDAY MORNING.

Q: MR. SECRETARY, IS AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN MAKING YOUR SPEECH FOR YOU TUESDAY MORNING?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN IS READING THE SPEECH THAT I HAVE PREPARED. HE IS GOING TO READ IT FOR ME. HE IS NOT GOING TO MAKE IT FOR ME. WE DECIDED THAT SINCE THE SPECIAL SESSION LASTS ONLY TEN DAYS, SINCE WITH THE OTHER STOPS I HAVE TO MAKE AND THE NECESSITY OF REPORTING TO THE PRESIDENT AND SOME CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS, THE EARLIEST I COULD PROBABLY HAVE SPOKEN AT THE U.N. WOULD HAVE BEEN LATE WEDNESDAY OR EARLY THURSDAY. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS PROGRAM FOR MANY WEEKS, AND IT REPRESENTS A MAJOR EFFORT IN OUR APPROACH TO THIS ISSUE OF DEVELOPMENT. WE WANTED TO PUT IT BEFORE THE SPECIAL SESSION AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY, WHICH IS MONDAY AFTERNOON AT THE OPENING SESSION; SO AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN IS GOING TO READ THE SPEECH ON WHICH I AM STILL WORKING.

Q: IS THAT MONDAY OR TUESDAY?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: THE UNITED STATES TRADITIONALLY SPEAKS IN THE SECOND SPOT ON THE OPENING SESSION. THE OPENING SESSION IS MONDAY AFTERNOON. THAT I ALWAYS KNEW I COULD NOT MAKE. BUT NOW THAT AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN WILL READ THE SPEECH, WE WILL DO IT ON MONDAY AFTERNOON IN THE SPOT RESERVED FOR THE UNITED STATES.

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Q: MR. SECRETARY, WAS THIS CAUSED BY ANY UNEXPECTED DELAY?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: NO, IT WAS NOT CAUSED BY ANY UNEXPECTED DELAY. IT WAS CAUSED BY THE FACT THAT IN ANALYZING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SPECIAL SESSION AND THE GREAT DESIRE OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO PUT FORWARD AN INTEGRATED POSITION AS A

BASIS FOR THE DISCUSSIONS, IT WOULD NOT BE FAIR TO WAIT INTO THE MIDDLE OF THE SESSION WHERE IT THEN WOULD BE MORE DIFFICULT TO GIVE FULL CONSIDERATION FOR IT. SO WE DECIDED TO TAKE THE APPROACH OF SUBMITTING THE SPEECH ON THE OPENING DAY WHEN IT COULD THEN BE STUDIED FOR THE REST OF THE SESSION.

Q: WHAT IS THE TIMETABLE NOW? DO YOU EXPECT AN INITIALING ON MONDAY AND THE OTHER COUNTRIES ON TUESDAY?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: WELL, IT COULD HAPPEN ON MONDAY OR TUESDAY. IT DEPENDS ON WHAT HAPPENS TOMORROW? IT DEPENDS ON THE ISRAELI CABINET; AND IT DEPENDS ON WHETHER THERE IS AN AGREEMENT.

Q: NOTHING HAS HAPPENED TO DAMPEN YOUR OPTIMISM?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: NO, NOTHING HAS HAPPENED. IT IS INEVITABLE THAT WHEN YOU GET DOWN TO THESE FINAL PHASES THAT THE ISSUES THAT REMAIN ARE OF GREAT TECHNICAL COMPLEXITY, AND THEY TAKE TIME TO SETTLE.

Q. HOW IS YOUR MORALE? HOW IS YOUR PATIENCE? YOU HAVE BEEN ON THE BRINK OF AN AGREEMENT NOW FOR ABOUT A WEEK. ARE YOU GETTING A BIT ANXIOUS OR DO YOU STILL

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SECRETARY KISSINGER: IT IS AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES. I WILL DO WHAT I CAN TO HELP THEM. MY MORALE IS EXCELLENT.

Q: IS IT POSSIBLE TO FAIL AT THIS POINT?

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SECRETARY KISSINGER: IS IT POSSIBLE TO FAIL? WELL, IT WOULD BE THE AGREEMENT CLOSEST TO COMPLETION THAT HAS FAILED IN RECENT DIPLOMATIC HISTORY. I DO NOT EXPECT IT.

THE PRESS: THANK YOU.
KISSINGER

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